

CRIMINAL NO. 1:08CR41

JOSE MARTINEZ JURADO

ORDER

The Court has approved counsel's three vouchers totaling over \$5,400 for attorney fees and expenses. Counsel has now submitted a request for an additional \$132.00 for paralegal fees. Not only does the attorney fail to specify why the services of a paralegal were necessary, the Court finds the request to be excessive. It is especially so when compared to the award of fees in similar cases, which is usually considerably less than \$5,000. Therefore, the Court, in its discretion, determines that defense counsel and his firm have been duly compensated for the legal

services rendered in this case and declines to award any further fees herein.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that counsel's request for paralegal services in the amount of \$132.00 is **DENIED**.

Signed: November 24, 2008

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. H. Thornburg', is written over a horizontal line.

Lacy H. Thornburg
United States District Judge

